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## SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN FOLK-LORE SOCIETY.

THE Society met in Philadelphia, Pa., conjointly with Section H, Anthropology, A. A. A. S., and the American Anthropological Association, during Convocation week, from December 27, 1904, to January 1, 1905. On Thursday, December 29, the societies met in joint session with the American Anthropological Society, and on Friday, December 30, with the American Folk-Lore Society. During the same week met the American Association for the Advancement of Science and affiliated societies.

The Council of the Society met at 12 M., December 30, in the rooms of the Museum of Science and Art.

At 2 P. M. the Society met for business, in the Museum.

The Secretary presented the Report of the Council, including reports made to the Council by the Secretary and Treasurer.

During the year 1904, publication of the series of Memoirs of the American Folk-Lore Society has been continued with Vol. VIII., being "Traditions of the Skidi Pawnee," collected and annotated by George A. Dorsey.

The number of members remains about the same; it is hoped that in the near future an increase may be effected, especially by the formation of local branches.

Herewith is presented, in substance, the Report of the Treasurer, from December 26, 1903, to December 27, 1904.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance from last statement . . . . .	\$2,313.85
Receipts from payment of annual dues . . . . .	705.00
Subscriptions to the Publication Fund . . . . .	147.00
Sales of Memoirs of the American Folk-Lore Society, through Houghton, Mifflin & Co., to January 30, 1904 . . . . .	51.80
Interest on bonds . . . . .	51.38
Postage from members . . . . .	.24
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### DISBURSEMENTS.

Houghton, Mifflin & Co., for manufacturing Journal of American Folk-Lore, Nos. 63 to 66 . . . . .	\$831.03
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., for manufacturing Vol. VIII. of Memoirs (400 copies) . . . . .	1,073.97
E. W. Wheeler, Cambridge, Mass., printing of circulars, etc. . . . .	37.50
W. W. Newell, Secretary, clerk hire, stamps, etc. . . . .	31.00

To secretaries of local societies, rebates of fees :—

E. W. Remick, Boston, Mass. . . . .	36.00
M. L. Fernald, Cambridge, Mass. . . . .	16.00
Second National Bank, New York, N. Y., collection . . . . .	3.20
Treasurer, extra postage . . . . .	10
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	\$2,028.80
Balance to new account, December 27, 1904 . . . . .	1,240.47
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No nomination for officers having been offered through the Secretary as provided for in the rules, the Council presented their nominations, and the Secretary was instructed to cast a single ballot for officers of the Society during the year 1905, as follows :—

PRESIDENT, Miss Alice C. Fletcher, Washington, D. C.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT, Dr. Roland B. Dixon, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT, Professor William A. Neilson, Columbia University, New York, N. Y.

COUNCILLORS (for three years) : Professor Franz Boas, American Museum of Natural History, New York, N. Y. ; Dr. J. Walter Fewkes, National Museum, Washington, D. C. ; Mr. James Mooney, Bureau of Ethnology, Washington, D. C. ; Mr. A. N. Tozzer, Peabody Museum of American Archæology, Cambridge, Mass.

The Permanent Secretary and Treasurer hold over.

The Secretary was empowered to select the time and place of the next annual meeting, in conjunction with Section H and with the American Anthropological Association

No other business coming up, the Society proceeded to listen to an address of the retiring President, Professor George Lyman Kittredge of Harvard University, on "Disenchantment by Decapitation."

Papers on folk-lore were read, as follows :—

"The Kiowa Supernatural," JAMES MOONEY, Washington, D. C.

"The Tale of the Three Wishes," WILLIAM W. NEWELL, Cambridge, Mass.

"Superstitions of School Children," WILL S. MONROE.